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Background and Summary of Invention

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Brief Description of the Accompanying Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a three-stage Beckman rearrangement process for preparing caprolactam according to an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a schematic view of a mixing device that is preferably used as the mixing devices A1, A2 and A3 depicted in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a schematic view of a process for preparing employed in Example 1 below.

Detailed Description of the Invention